

GROTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

FALL 2026 NEWS & EVENTS



Groton Public Library
99 Main Street
Groton, MA 01450

**GPL Programs Are
 Free and Open to All**

For more information on
 programs and to sign up:

- * View our calendar at gpl.org
- * Email info@gpl.org
- * Call us @ 978-448-1167

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 the Town of Groton's
 Lecture Fund.*

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ARTISTS
OPEN CALL
Open to artists of all levels.
UPCOMING
ART SHOW

The Groton Open

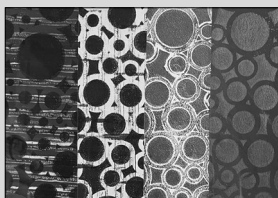
a representative survey of local creative energy

Groton residents (and people with a significant Groton connection) are invited to **submit ONE (1) piece of work** for this upcoming show! All submissions will be included (within reason).

Forms are available online at [gpl.org/adults/art gallery](http://gpl.org/adults/art%20gallery) and at the Circulation Desk.
The Deadline for submissions is October 3, 2026.

For more info, email artcurator@gpl.org. The exhibit will open on Nov. 4.

Owen Smith Shuman Art Gallery



Gathered Layers: Printed Together

On exhibit through Sept. 27

Closing Artists' Reception: Sunday, Sept. 27, 2-4:30 pm

Works by artists taught by art instructor Kimberly Stoney over the past three years of printmaking classes at GPL.

Story Seeds: Planting a Love for Literacy

Sept. 30 through Nov. 1

A project featuring work by children from the Groton Community School.

LIVE MUSIC CONCERT SERIES

SUNDAYS at 2:30 pm IN PERSON. Free and for all ages!

September 20 – Scott Ouellette Classical Guitar

Scott Ouellette is a self-taught classical guitarist whose work reflects a deep commitment to the instrument and a distinctive artistic voice. Drawing on the rich traditions of classical guitar while forging his own creative path, his compositions blend technical precision with expressive depth.



October 18 – Matt York on Bob Dylan and Johnny Cash

Longtime musician/author Matt York performs songs and tells stories about these two musical icons and the important role their friendship played in the trajectory of folk and country music, creating a new lane of music we now think of as Americana music—that merged two very different audiences.

November 15 – Pamela Means: The Power of Protest Song

This family-friendly public event explores the origin stories and lineages of protest songs; how their meaning and impact have transformed through time and space; and how they have inspired movements and cultural shifts within the realms of racial and social justice.



Made possible by a grant from the Town of Groton's Lecture Fund.

Information as of **August 20, 2026**. Check our calendar for **updates** and to **sign up**, or call 978-448-1167.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Sign up is required unless described as "drop-in." Sign up at gpl.org

Special Events for Babies through Preschool

Mornings

New! Saturday Peapods for Ages 0-2. 10:15-10:45 am on Saturdays, **Sept. 12**, Oct. 3, Oct. 24, and Nov. 14.

Music and Movement with the Family Partnership Center. For Babies through Preschool. Tuesdays, 10:30-11 am on **Sept. 15 & 29**, Oct. 13 & 27, and Nov. 17. We dance, sing songs, play instruments, and read stories!

Peapods Storytime for Ages 0-2. Wednesdays, 10:30-11:00 or 11:15-11:45 am. A first storytime experience for children ages 0-2 and their caregivers. **Starts Sept 16.** *No storytime Nov. 11.*

Hula Hoop Movement with Miss Emma for Ages 3-5. Thursdays, 11-11:45 am: **Sept. 17**, Oct. 15, Nov. 19, Dec. 17. Games, dance, and movement. Hoops provided.

Yoga & Literacy for Ages 3-5. Fridays, 10:30-11:15 am: **Sept. 25**, Oct. 9 & 23, Nov 6 & 20. Certified yoga instructor Ellen Olson-Brown's blends movement and breathing with simple literacy activities. *Registration required.*

Tales & Tunes for Tots!

Local children's performers for live music, movement, and more!

Friday, Oct. 2: Matt Heaton. **Friday, Dec. 18:** Rockabye Beats. 10:30-11:15 am.

Floor Babies: Supportive Group for Parents and Caregivers of Babies 0-12 Mos. First Wednesday of the month after Peapods, 12-12:45 pm. **Starts Oct. 7.** Doula Emma Marella CBD(CBI) will facilitate with different topics every month. Babies and children welcome in this relaxed and caring environment.



Storytime with Miss Jacquie for Ages 3-5. Stories & songs selected for the interests and attention of the preschooler. Meets 10:30-11 am on Thursdays, **Oct. 22 & 29**, Nov. 5 & 12, Dec. 3 & 10.

Drop-In Scavenger Hunts

- A new themed scavenger hunt every month to solve, as set by Kid Librarian of the Month
- Mural—Using the key, search for all the book themed items in the Children's Room mural and earn a prize!



Hidden Treasures by Jessica Michelson Berger

Afternoons

Storytime with Inga: Inspiring Explorations for Kids Ages 3-5. 1-1:45 pm. First Wednesday of every month, starting **Sept. 2**. Through read-aloud and activities designed for preschoolers, children explore our world.



Kelly's Tales

Kelly's Tales with Raquel. For Ages 3-5. Wednesdays, 1:30-2 pm: **Sept. 30**, Oct. 14, and Dec. 16. Storytelling adventures help promote cultural competency and literacy skills.

Special Events for School-Age Children

Night Flight by Moonlight: The Adventures of Mickey and Sparkle for Grades K-5. Thu. **Oct. 1**, 5:30-6:30 pm.

Join firefly & moth puppet friends for a magical nighttime story performance, followed by a lantern-making craft and music-led parade!
Made possible thanks to the support of both the Groton and Pepperell Cultural Commissions. Sign-up is required.

Read Aloud to Blitzen and Summit For Grades K-5

Wednesdays 4-5 pm

Sept. 2 & 16, Oct. 14 & 28, & Nov. 18
Bonus: Sat. Nov. 14, 1-2 pm (for 11/11)

Children gain confidence reading aloud by practicing with a non-judgmental, friendly dog. Blitzen and Summit (with owner/handler) are certified through the Pets & People Foundation.

Sign up your child for a 15-minute time slot.



Snapology: Roblox Workshop for Grades 2-5. Tuesday, **Oct. 13**, 4-6 pm. Dive into the exciting world of Roblox through hands-on LEGO® building activities! By designing Roblox characters, building game environments, and creating interactive challenges, this activity combines imaginative play with problem-solving. *Registration is required.*

Felt a Pumpkin with Rachel for Grades 3-5. Wed. **Oct. 21**, 4-5:30 pm. Learn the basics of felting with fiber artist Rachel Benson! Make an adorable pumpkin just in time for Halloween. *Registration is required.*

Mario Kart Tournament for Ages 7-11. Wed. **Dec. 2**, 6-7:30 pm. Calling all racers! Kids are invited to race against fellow Mario fans on our Nintendo Switch. Pizza and snacks provided. *Registration is required.*

Favorites: Returning Programs for School-Age Children

LEGO® Club for Ages 5-12. Meets the third Tuesday of the month, 4-4:45 pm. We supply the LEGOs, and you supply the imagination! **Starts Sept 15.**

LEGO CLUB



Art Lab for Grades K-5. Saturdays, 2-3 pm: **Sept. 19**, Oct. 17, Nov. 7. A hands-on art experience focusing on process art, where the emphasis is on exploration and creativity.



Knifty Knitters for Grades 3-5. Meets the first and last Thursday of every month, 4-5:30 pm. Enjoy knitting and chatting with other kids! Miss Lauren and Miss Ellie teach the basics based on skill level. Needles and yarn provided one time for new attendees. **Starts Sept. 24.**

Read-Aloud with Jennie for Grades K-2. Meets the first and third Thursday every month, October-May, 4-4:30 pm. Award-winning reader & educator, Jennie Fitzkee reads aloud from the best children's chapter books! **Starts Oct 1.**

Book Worms for Grades 4 & 5. Meets the first Tuesday of every month, 4-4:30 pm. Join fellow Book Worms and Miss Carrie and have fun reading and talking about books with friends. **Starts Oct 6.**

Comics Club for Grades 3-5. The first Tuesday of every month, 4:45-5:15 pm. Draw, write, and create your own comics or graphic novels! Bring your own project to work on or start a new one. Snacks & materials provided. **Starts Oct 6.**



Cursive Club for Grades 3-5. Meets the first Wednesday of every month, 4-4:30 pm. Learn and/or practice cursive writing in a fun atmosphere with Miss Carrie. Snacks and workbooks provided. **Starts Oct. 7.**

Book Bears for Grades 2 & 3. Meets the second Thursday of every month, 4-4:30 pm. Miss Jennie leads this fun book club that encourages a love for reading! **Starts Oct. 8.**

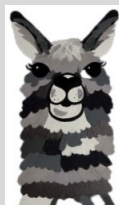


More 5th Grade Programs under Teen Programs—below and on the next page.

T(W)EEN PROGRAMS (Grades 5 and Up)

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LLAMA LOUNGE (Grades 5-8)



Every Groton-Dunstable Middle School Half-day, 12-3 pm

Drop in with your friends, play board or video games, create arts & crafts, or do some homework!

Dates this fall

Fri. Sept. 18	Tue. Nov. 24
Fri. Oct. 16	Wed. Nov. 25



ROBOTICS CHALLENGE (Grades 5-10)

Create a robot using LEGO® Mindstorms EV3 kits!

Battle-Bots: Wednesdays, 6-7:30 pm

Sept. 9, Oct. 14, & Nov. 4

Lawrence Academy Robotics Team Workshop @ GPL

Wednesday, Sept. 16 at 5:30-7:30



SQUISHMALLOW BINGO!

(Grades 5-12)

Friday, Oct. 30, 3:30-4:30 pm

Play bingo to win adorable Squishmallow prizes! *Reserve your spot!*



TEEN PROGRAMS (Grades 6-12)

NEW! Hands on STEM

(Grades 5-8)

Fridays 4-5 pm

Engineering Challenge Sept. 25

Intro to Coding Oct. 23

Build a Model Hand Nov. 20



Storytelling & Tarot!

(Grades 6-12)

Use the principles of theatre and storytelling to interpret cards -- short readings, or longer narratives.

Learn about the suits to tell your own story!



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YA at GPL

Creative Fun! (Grades 6-12)

Spa Kit DIY	Wed. Sept. 23, 6-7 pm
Skull Painting with Mandy	Thu. Oct. 15, 4:30-5:30 pm
Paint a Fall Scene with Julie	Sat. Oct. 17, 2:30-4 pm
Felt a Ghost with Rachel Benson	Wed. Oct. 21, 6-7:30 pm
No Bake Halloween Treats	Thu. Oct. 29, 4-5 pm

TAKE AND MAKE: Can't make it to a program?
Pick up a craft kit in the Teen Area to make at home.



BAKING CLUB

(Grades 6-12)

First Fridays from 3:30-4:45 pm

Join teen baker Lizzie and practice baking various treats each month.

Coffee Cake Mini Muffins	Sept. 4
Spider Peanut Butter Cookies	Oct. 2
Pumpkin Cookies	Nov. 6

Pizza & Movie Night (Grades 5-12)

Coco: Wed. Oct. 14, 5:30-7:15 pm

Please sign up so we know how much pizza to purchase.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

If you love to read books and have fun, Miss Carrie has a book group for you! Snacks and fun guaranteed. Books available in Children's Room. Registration is required.

- ♦ **Reading Rippers (Grade 9-10)** First Thursday every month, 5-5:30 pm, starting Oct. 1.
- ♦ **Crackerjacks (Grades 11-12)** Second Thursday every other month, 5:45-6:30 pm, starting Oct. 8.
- ♦ **Book Worm Masters (Grades 6, 7, & 8)** Second Tuesday every month, 4:30-5 pm, starting Oct. 13.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

(Grades 6-12)

Fall Campaign: Saturdays, 2-4 pm

Sept. 12 & 26, Oct. 10 & 24, Nov. 7, & 21, Dec. 5 & 12

Players are expected to attend all meetings if possible.

Navigating the College Landscape For HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS & PARENTS

Saturday, Nov. 7, 3-4 pm

Find out what is happening in college admissions right now and what you can do to set yourself—and your student!—up for success.

Presented by Katie from Charting Pathways.

3D Design & Print Club (Grades 5-12)

Every Other Thursday, 4-5 pm

Sept. 10 & 24, Oct. 8 & 22, and Nov. 5 & 19

Come learn how to 3D print with us! We will walk through using TinkerCAD, and then 3D print your own creations!



DROP-IN TEEN GAME LOUNGE

Sibley Hall (Grades 6-12)

EVERY FRIDAY 3-5 pm

(except 9/18, 10/16, & 10/30)

Nintendo Switch and board games available.

TEEN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

If you love GPL and GPL programs, help advise and assist the Teen Librarian by serving on our Young Adult Advisory Council. It's a great way to earn volunteer hours! We meet once a month on Wednesdays, 6-7 pm in person with Zoom option. Dates: Sept. 30, Oct. 7, Nov. 18, and Dec. 16. Contact teens@gpl.org for other opportunities.

GROTON LIBRARY ADULT EVENTS: SEPTEMBER

Virtual events hosted by partner libraries are listed on page 9.

Registration required for ALL Adult Events.

Registration for smaller, higher demand programs **opens Tuesday, September 1, at 10 am.**

Founding Writers: Six Authors with Bill Thierfelder, Tuesday, Sept. 1 at 7 pm ON ZOOM

Focus on six of America's earliest writers, men and women whose work helped to forge American ideas and ideals and establish how the world—and ourselves—saw the colonies and our fledgling nation.

Felt an Acorn with Rachel Benson, Thursday, Sept. 3 at 7 pm IN PERSON

Learn the basics of felting or continue your felting journey with others! This month's project is an adorable acorn! All materials will be provided.



Daytime DIY with Kimberly Stoney: Make an 'Exploding Book', Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 1 pm IN PERSON

Art meets engineering as we create a surprising sculptural puzzle book. Choose papers to decorate to your covers, then construct the folded interior, transforming simple paper into a twisting geometric form that opens, shifts, and changes shape in your hands.



Electing the President with Constitutional Scholar James Coll, Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 7 pm ON ZOOM

Get an overview of the constitutional road to the White House. The focus will be on the complex system designed to decide who gets to be our nation's Chief Executive—and whether it still needs to be so complicated.

Garlic and Beans with F-Word Farms, Thursday, Sept. 10 at 7 pm IN PERSON

Learn all about beans—how beautiful they are, how to grow them, why they are good for us and the soil, and ways to use them. Then tackle garlic. Learn how to plant, harvest, cure and store them!



Dick Clark & The Building of American Bandstand with Clint Edwards, Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 7 pm ON ZOOM

Explore the life of Dick Clark, one of American music's most important promoters, and the formation of American Bandstand, one of television's most impactful platforms for popular music.

Silent Sparks: The Wondrous World of Fireflies with Sara Lewis, Thursday, Sept. 17 at 7 pm IN PERSON

Fireflies are surely among our greatest ambassadors for Earth's natural magic. For centuries their ethereal beauty has sparked wonder & inspired poets, artists, and children of all ages.



Houseplant Swap, Saturday, Sept. 19 at 11 am IN PERSON

Have cuttings or offspring from a favorite houseplant? How about a plant that just isn't suited to your house anymore? Bring it in and swap it out! (You don't have to donate plants to participate.)

Forever Flowers with New England Botanic Garden, Saturday, Sept. 19 at 2 pm IN PERSON

Bring your garden indoors! Learn simple, hands-on ways to preserve flowers, from air-drying to silica gel and pressing.

Daytime DIY with Maureen Allen: Make a Necklace, Tuesday, Sept. 22 at 1 pm IN PERSON

Make a necklace while learning about beading and finishing. All materials provided.

How to Season Your Food: A Q&A with Chef Helen Rennie, Tuesday, Sept. 22 at 7 pm ON ZOOM

Learn to balance the five tastes (salt, sour, sweet, bitter, and umami), the difference between salt types, how to season to taste, and how to season without tasting. *A meeting of the Plant Powered Group.*

Zen Coloring with Marie Tucker, Wednesday, Sept. 23 at 11 am ON ZOOM

Zen Coloring is wonderful because it so flexible. We will make marks, fill in shapes, then layer, and blend in color.

GROTON LIBRARY ADULT EVENTS: SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER...

Introduction to Cricut with Lisa Higgins, Wednesday, Sept. 23 at 12:30 pm IN PERSON

Learn how to use the popular Cricut digital cutting machine, which precisely cuts, scores, and draws on various materials to create DIY projects. *Intermediate Cricut follows on Sat. Oct. 10 at 10:30 am.*

ADHD or Perimenopause? Why So Many Midlife Women Feel Overwhelmed, Anxious, and Unable to Focus, Thursday, Sept. 24 at 7 pm IN PERSON



Could your brain fog, forgetfulness, overwhelm, and difficulty focusing be related to ADHD, hormonal changes, or both? Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner Danielle Cogliano covers why so many women are questioning ADHD for the first time during perimenopause and midlife. We will explore the overlap between all these symptoms to help women better understand what's really happening.

Straight Talk About the Cost of College with Hannah Pierpont, Thursday, Sept. 24 at 7 pm IN PERSON

What will college cost YOUR family, and how do you know? Parents, get an overview of financial aid basics. Learn about resources and tools that help you find a financial fit during the college search and hear how recent legislation could affect your student's long-term education plan.

The Science of Autumn Foliage with David Govatski, Tuesday, Sept. 29 at 7 pm ON ZOOM

Learn why leaves change color, what factors influence leaf color, and more! Then delve into the effect climate change will have on autumn foliage as well as some of the economic and health benefits that come to New England from autumn foliage.



Felt a Bat with Rachel Benson, Thursday, Oct. 1 at 7 pm IN PERSON

Learn the basics of felting or improve your skills while making an adorable bat! Materials will be provided.

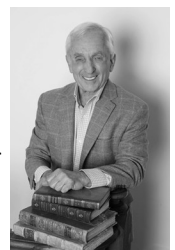


America's Stirring Words: Revolutionary Poetry with Jeffrey Zygmunt, Thu. Oct. 1, 7 pm IN PERSON

Patriots went to war to win freedom. Poets went to work to praise them, and to express the spirit of independence and the valor that created our nation. Review some key battles of the American Revolution – the people, the tactics and outcomes – then hear a historic poem that expresses the emotion and devotion of the soldiers.

Old and Rare Books with Brattle Book Shop's Ken Gloss, Sun. Oct. 4 at 2 pm IN PERSON

Ken Gloss, second-generation proprietor of Boston's famed Brattle Book Shop and national appraiser for PBS's *Antiques Roadshow*, will share insider insights on the thrill of the hunt, the fascinating history from a 200-year-old shop, and practical guidelines for building your own collection. Free verbal appraisals for books brought by attendees. *Co-sponsored with the Groton Historical Society.*

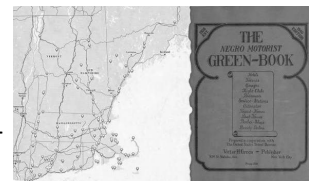


Something Wicked: Classic American Horror Novels with Bill Thierfelder, Tue. Oct. 6, 7 pm ON ZOOM

Explore ten classic horror novels written between 1898 and 2020 by American writers. These haunting tales promise to give chills and thrills, from the psychological terror of *The Shining* to *I Am Legend*, an apocalyptic masterpiece.

The Green Book and Boston's Black Community with Joel Mackall, Thursday, Oct. 8 at 7 pm IN PERSON

Learn about Boston's experience with 'Green Book' establishments and sanctuaries during Black folks' movements/accommodation in the 1900s. Draw on Boston's 400-year African American history for connections to provide a deeper context for black community formation, freedom of movement, and survival.



GROTON LIBRARY ADULT EVENTS: ...OCTOBER

Registration for smaller, higher demand programs **Opens Tue. Sept. 1 at 10 am.**

Intermediate Cricut with Lisa Higgins, Saturday, Oct. 10 at 10:30 am IN PERSON

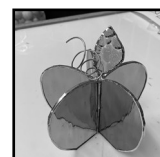
This class builds directly upon the fundamentals taught in the Intro. to the Cricut class on Sept. 23. Learn advanced techniques thru guided demonstrations, including heat transfer (iron-on) vinyl and foiling transfer.

Art and Craft Supply Swap, Saturday, Oct. 10 at 10:30 am IN PERSON

Bring new or gently used arts and craft materials to the Circulation Desk Oct. 6-9, then come on Saturday to find something you will enjoy and use! *Note: Donations are not required to participate.*

Stained Glass with Periwinkle Glass, Saturday, Oct. 10 at 11 am OR 1:30 pm IN PERSON

Join us to make a quick and easy 3D stained glass pumpkin or apple! Learn to foil and solder and take home a lovely piece of art.



Elizabeth Cohen Daytime DIY: Make a Nature-Inspired Collage, Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 1 pm IN PERSON

In a process-oriented free flowing approach, design nature inspired compositions using cut and torn color-saturated papers, discovering new color relationships and taking creative risks.

Managing the Pace Without Losing Yourself with Kim Meninger & Seira Shalton, Tue. Oct. 13 at 7 pm IN PERSON

Feeling overwhelmed by constant change or the daily juggle of work and parenting? Join us for an honest conversation about emotional fatigue and moving at your own pace. Through shared scenarios, guided discussion, and group coaching, you will connect with others and learn practical tools to regain clarity and balance.



Fall Cooking for One or Two with Chef Christine Van Bloem, Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 7 pm ON ZOOM

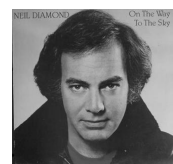
Empty Nest Kitchen's Chef, Christine Van Bloem, will cook a full fall menu scaled for one or two: Barley Risotto, an Arugula Salad with Apples and Maple Vinaigrette, and Apple Crisp for one.

Don't "Leaf" Me This Way: Prepping Your Garden For Winter, Thursday, Oct. 15 at 7 pm IN PERSON

Fall is here and you're ready to hang up your trowel. But wait! Fall is the best time for thinking about next year's garden and preparing for Spring. Do I need to amend my soil, plant garlic, clean my tools, save some seeds, rake some leaves or record my successes? Of course you do!

Organize Your Kitchen, Organize Your Time for a Plant-based Life, Tuesday, Oct. 20, at 7 pm IN PERSON

Join us for a practical workshop on how to organize your kitchen and your time to make healthy eating easier every day. *A meeting of the Plant Powered Group.*



Masters of Song: Neil Diamond with Clint Edwards, Tuesday, Oct. 20 at 7 pm ON ZOOM

Explore the life and music of Neil Diamond, one of the superstars of American popular music. We'll take a deep dive into his story and how he composed his remarkable songs.

Wildlife Out Your Window: The Hidden Lives of Wildlife with Brad Timm, Thu. Oct. 22 at 7 pm IN PERSON

What if the most fascinating wildlife in New England isn't found deep in the wilderness— but right outside your own window? Join wildlife ecologist and nature author Brad Timm for an engaging presentation that reveals the remarkable lives of the animals we encounter every day—but rarely stop to truly notice or appreciate.



Daytime DIY with Joyce Thomas: Hans Hoffman and Artist Trading Cards, Tuesday, Oct. 27 at 1 pm IN PERSON

Learn about abstract painter Hans Hoffman and dive in and experiment with creating your own artist trading cards!

GROTON LIBRARY ADULT EVENTS: NOVEMBER



Women Air Service Pilots (WASPs) of WWII with Rick Feingold, Tue. Oct. 27 at 7 pm ON ZOOM

The female pilots of World War II (WASPs) flew jets and sometimes new planes that other pilots avoided. These pilots ferried aircraft from the factory to airbases and freed up male pilots for combat. They had no military standing and received no veterans benefits. But they proved women could fly planes as well as men.

Hiking and History of Wachusett Mountain with Matt Landry, Thursday, Oct. 29 at 7 pm IN PERSON

Learn about the trails, stories, and rich history of Mount Wachusett. It's a meaningful look at one of Massachusetts' most beloved landmarks, and the many ways it has inspired adventure, community, and connection over the years.

Felting on Clothing, Pillows, or Bags with Rachel Benson, Saturday, Oct. 31 at 10:30 am IN PERSON

Learn the basis of felting designs onto clothes or functional items. Bring your own item or we will provide.

Freedom for Whom: Indigenous Nations & the American Revolution with Heather Bruegl, Tue. Nov. 3 at 7 pm Zoom

During the American Revolution, many Indigenous nations allied with the Patriots to defend their homelands. Discover their vital contributions to the fight for independence—and the post-war betrayals that followed.



Felt a Landscape with Rachel Benson, Thursday, Nov. 5 at 7 pm IN PERSON

This month, we'll create a stunning fall scene. Materials will be provided.

Shay's Rebellion: Groton's Revolutionary Epilogue and the U.S. Constitution's Prologue with Josh



Vollmar, Sunday Nov. 8 at 2 pm IN PERSON

Join acclaimed local historian Josh Vollmar for an engaging look at Groton's pivotal role in shaping the nation after the American Revolution. Although often overlooked today, Shays' Rebellion (1786–1787) was one of the most influential events in the young republic, helping pave the way for the drafting of the U.S. Constitution. In celebration of the nation's 250th, learn

about Groton's central role in this pivotal uprising. *Co-sponsored with Groton Neighbors.*

Daytime DIY: My Darling Threads Teaches Harvest Embroidery, Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 1 pm IN PERSON

Learn five foundational embroidery stitches while creating a small design with Erin Boyle, a New England-based artist who specializes in original hand embroidery.

Types of Fish & What to Do with Them: Q&A with Chef Helen Rennie, Tue. Nov. 10 at 7 pm ON ZOOM

Do you like to eat fish in restaurants, but are scared to cook it at home? Or, are you bored of baking salmon with a splash of lemon, but not sure how to expand your repertoire? Learn how to buy and store fish, how the fish texture affects the cooking method, and how to stop overcooking your fish.



Introduction to Tarot Card Reading with Sally Cragin, Thursday, Nov. 12 at 7 pm IN PERSON

Learn the rudiments of the four suits, the significance of the numbers, and the interpretation of Major Arcana cards. Discussion is encouraged, and we will practice some simple readings before moving on to more complex ones.

Daytime DIY: Kinusaiga with Beth Dalal, Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 1 pm IN PERSON

Love the look of quilting but don't have the patience or skill for the sewing? Learn the Japanese craft of kinusaiga (quilting without thread) to create your very own work of art from scrap fabric.



Fiber and Digestion: The Missing Link to Better Health, Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 7 pm IN PERSON

Learn how a whole-food, plant-based diet can improve digestion, support a healthy gut microbiome, and boost overall wellness. *Also a meeting of the Plant Powered Group.*

Masters of Song: Patsy Cline with Clint Edwards, Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 7 pm ON ZOOM

Explore the simple beginnings, extraordinary rise, and spectacular music of the one and only Patsy Cline.

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ADULT BOOK, CONVERSATION & ACTIVITY GROUPS

In person at GPL unless otherwise noted, with Zoom option for some. Books available at the Circulation Desk.

BOOK GROUPS

A NOVEL JOURNEY BOOK GROUP

Explore world cultures through fiction!

Meets on the first Friday of the month at 10:30 am.

Sept. 4 *The Lemon Tree* by Sandi Tolan

Oct. 2 *The Birth House* by Ami McKay

Nov. 6 *The Henna Artist* by Alka Joshi

CATCH UP WITH CLASSICS BOOK GROUP

We read and discuss classic literature—join us!

Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7 pm.

Sept. 9 *Anna Karenina* by Leo Tolstoy

Oct. 14 *Watership Down* by Richard Adams

Nov. 18 *Dracula* by Bram Stoker

BIBLIOPHILES DISCUSSION GROUP

World lit with an emphasis on ambitious texts.

Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 pm.

Sept. 15 *The Plague* by Albert Camus

Oct. 20 *No Exit* by Jean-Paul Sartre

Nov. 17 *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead* by Tom Stoppard

THRILLING REALMS BOOK GROUP

Readers discuss horror, science fiction, and fantasy.

Meets on the 4th Fridays of the month at 5 pm.

Sept. 26 *The Buffalo Hunter* by Stephen Graham Jones

Oct. 23 *Dead but Dreaming of Electric Sheep*, Paul Tremblay

Nov. 20 *The Fireman* by Joe Hill

MAD ABOUT MYSTERY GROUP

Reads widely in the crime & mysteries genre.

Meets monthly on Thursdays at 7 pm. *No Nov. meeting.*

Sept. 17 *A Good Girl's Guide to Murder* by Holly Jackson

Oct. 15 *The Daughter of Time* by Josephine Tey

PAGE TURNERS BOOK GROUP

Reads widely—fiction, nonfiction, and classics.

Meets each month on the 4th Tuesday at 7 pm.

Sept. 22 Against All Odds (theme)

Oct. 27 *Lord of Light* by Roger Zelazny

Nov. 17 *Out Stealing Horses* by Per Petterson

GREAT BOOKS GROUP

Reading G.B. Foundation's *The Civically Engaged Reader*

Meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7 pm.

Sept. 16 Edwin Arlington Robinson's "Mr. Flood's Party" with Robert Frost's "The Hill Wife" and "The Telephone."

Oct. 21 and Nov. 18: Readings TBA

ACTIVITY GROUPS

GRIEF AND LOSS PEER SUPPORT GROUP

Support for grief sufferers from a loved one's passing.

Meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 pm.

Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10

CRAFT AND CHAT

Meets the first and third Tuesday every month, 1-3:30 pm

Gather with other creative individuals to chat and work on whatever art/craft pursuit you enjoy!

Sept. 1, 15, & 29, Oct. 6 & 20, Nov. 3

KNITTING GROUP

Meets 1:30-3:30 pm every Thursday.

Stitch, knit, explore a new craft, or troubleshoot your current project. All handicrafts (and crafters!) welcome.

THE QUEST COLLECTIVE FOR ADULTS

Dungeons & Dragons and other RPGs.

Meets every other Saturday at 11 am.

Sept. 5 & 19, Oct. 3 & 17, Nov. 7 & 21 (*no meeting 10/31*)

PLANT-POWERED GROUP

A great place to explore non-meat options or a fully plant-based way of eating.

Meets every month on Tuesdays at 7 pm.

Sept. 22 How To Season Your Food Q&A (Zoom)

Oct. 20 Organizing for Plant-Based Life

Nov. 17 Fiber and Digestion with Jill Ahlstrand

DEADLY PROSE MYSTERY WRITERS

Join this group on Zoom for helpful advice and encouragement from others writing in the mystery genre.

Meets the 1st & 3rd Wednesday every month, 5-7 pm.

Sept. 2 & 16, Oct. 7 & 21, Nov. 4 & 18

The ANXIOUS GENERATION: TAKING ACTION GROUP

Local parents and caregivers to discuss ways of creating healthy technology boundaries for their kids and teens.

Meets monthly on a Wednesday at 7 pm.

Sept. 16, Oct. 14, & Nov. 4

TUESDAY TRIVIA (Online Only)

New quizzes every week emailed to you or you can find them on Facebook and Instagram!

Winners posted online earn bragging rights for a week!

Sign up online at gpl.org/calendar

Build a Charcuterie Board Workshop with Abbie Snyder, Thursday, Nov. 19 at 7 pm IN PERSON

Just in time for the holidays, learn to make your own mini charcuterie board! Discover everything from cheese pairings to creative knife cuts to layout design! The class will be led by Abbie Snyder, a local artist and self-proclaimed cheese aficionado.

**Make Copper Keychains with Heather Beck, Saturday, Nov. 21 at 12 pm OR 2:30 pm IN PERSON**

Learn how to create your own drawings in metal with special tools and hammers. Stamp your favorite images, words and textures to create a truly unique keychain that will stand the test of time.

The Real Thanksgiving with Bill Thierfelder, Tuesday, Nov. 24 at 7 pm ON ZOOM

Look at that first Thanksgiving in the early 17th century and see how that straight-forward, rather modest feast among early colonials and indigenous peoples transformed into the most widely celebrated event in our country, a day on which more Americans travel than any other holiday.

Language Conversation Groups

Please Note: A minimum of intermediate familiarity with the language is needed to participate.

SPANISH CONVERSATION GROUP

Meets on the first and third Tuesday at 6 pm on Zoom. Led by Veronica Mazzu.
Sept. 8 & 22, Oct. 6 & 20, and Nov. 3 & 17

FRENCH CONVERSATION GROUP

Meets on the first and third Wednesday at 2 pm in person (Zoom option upon request).
Sept. 2 & 16, Oct. 7 & 21, and Nov. 4 & 18

**ITALIAN CONVERSATION GROUP**

Meets on the first and third Wednesday at 6 pm in person (Zoom option upon request).
Sept. 2 & 16, Oct. 7 & 21, and Nov. 4 & 18

GERMAN CONVERSATION GROUP

Meets on the second and fourth Thursday at 7 pm in person (Zoom option upon request).
Sept. 10 & 24, Oct. 8 & 22, and Nov. 12

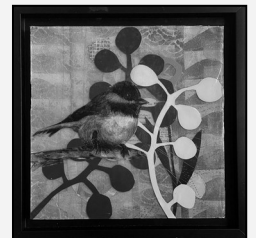
LIFELONG LEARNING WORKSHOPS

Gelli Print Lab: Imagination & Inspiration, with Kimberly Stoney.

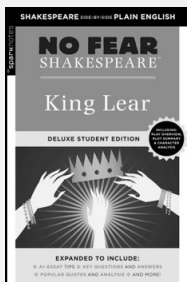
Sessions are offered back-to-back. Choose one session per weekend:

- ♦ **Saturday, Sept. 12 OR Sunday, Sept. 13, 1:30-4:30 pm**
- ♦ **Saturday, Oct. 24 OR Sunday, Oct. 25, 1:30-4:30 pm**
- ♦ **Saturday, Nov. 14: 10:30 am-1:30 pm OR 1:30-4:30 pm**

Explore gelli plate printing in this monthly gathering facilitated by Kimberly Stoney. This is a space to foster creativity and collaboration and is open to all experience levels. Materials provided.



Check out other students' gelli printing work in the OSS Art Gallery thru 9/27.

**Shakespeare Read Aloud Circle Reads *King Lear*.**

Wednesdays, 7-8:30 pm, on Sept. 23 & 30, Oct. 7, 14, & 21

Read Shakespeare's *King Lear* within a small group using a laid back Read Aloud Circle format. All participants will receive a free copy of the *No Fear Shakespeare* edition which contains both the original Shakespeare text and a modern English translation. We will read one act per week—no outside reading required! Let's see what happens to one of the most famous of all of Shakespeare's characters.

THE SPARK: Using Prompts to Ignite Your Creativity and Writing Process.

Thursdays, 6-8:30 pm, on Oct. 29, Nov. 5, Nov. 12, and Nov. 19

Zoann Guernsey created this class for writers looking to build a daily habit, brainstorm new story ideas, or just get started! We will use imaginative, open-ended prompts to craft compelling narratives. Each class will present one or two prompts, provide ample writing time, and discussion of process, with optional sharing. Bring your favorite notebook and writing tool and let's do this!



VIRTUAL ADULT PROGRAM SERIES VIA ZOOM

Thanks to a partnership with the Ashland, Chelmsford, and Tewksbury Public Libraries, we are able to offer more virtual programs through the week than we could ever have offered alone! We work with other libraries, too!

50+ JOB SEEKERS

Two Wednesdays every month at 9:30 am.

Sept. 2 Self-Assessments

Sept. 16 Your Career Story

Also Oct. 7 & 21, Nov. 4 & 18, & beyond. Topics: TBD

AUTHOR VISITS

Marie Parker Wasserman on *First Daughter*, a fictional imagining of Grover Cleveland's child being kidnapped, Wed. Sept. 2 at 7 pm

***Her America: Eight Women Who Transformed the Nation* with Author Heather B. Moore**, Mon. Sept. 14 at 7 pm

Bestselling Author **Tess Gerritsen** will discuss ***The Shadow Friends***, her latest thriller in her *The Martini Club* series, Wed. Sept. 16 at 7 pm

Opera, War, & the Human Spirit: Janis Robinson Daly's novel and the memoir of a Boston opera student trapped in Berlin during WWI that inspired it. Wed. Sept. 23, 7 pm.

Horror Author Robert Ottone in Conversation with Lauren Bolger, Mon. Oct. 12 at 7 pm

***The First Lady of World War II: Eleanor Roosevelt* with Shannon McKenna Schmidt**, Mon. Nov. 2 at 7 pm

NATURE

Fall Bird Migration: Seas, Skies, and Land with Heather Wolf, Mon. Sept. 21 at 7 pm

(How to Avoid) Death on Mount Washington with Randi Minetor, Mon. Sept. 28 at 7 pm

ART HISTORY

With Jane Oneail of Culturally Curious

Pixel Perfect: Chuck Close and Photorealistic Painting, Thu. Sept. 24 at 7 pm

Creating Hope: The New Deal and WPA Art, Thu. Oct. 29 at 7 pm

Wide Open Spaces: Great Landscapes in Art, Thu. Nov. 19 at 7 pm

DECLUTTERING

Prepare for the Unexpected, Thu. Sept. 10 at 7 pm

Don't Toss That!, Thu. Oct. 8 at 7 pm

5 Things to Tidy When Company is On The Way, Thu. Nov. 12 at 7 pm

HEALTH

Relax and Reduce Your Stress, Wed. Sept. 9 at 7 pm

Manager Got You Down? What To Do in a Toxic Work Environment, Thu. Sept. 17 at 7 pm

ADHD, Autism, and Anxiety: How to Overcome the Wall of Awful, Thu. Oct. 15 at 7 pm

Preventing Bank Fraud for Caregivers, Thu. Oct. 22 at 2 pm

HISTORY

Talkin' Bout a Revolution: Part I with Bruce Magnuson, Thu. Sept. 3 at 7 pm

Talkin' Bout a Revolution: Part II with Bruce Magnuson, Thu. Oct. 1 at 7 pm

The Wreck of the Royal Tar by Jane Parks Gardner about one of New England's most haunting maritime disasters, Thu. Nov. 5 at 7 pm

250th Event: Petticoat Patriots with Libby McNamee, Mon. Nov. 9 at 7 pm

"Little Mister Victory" with David Kruh, Mon. Nov. 16 at 7 pm

MISCELLANEOUS

The Movie Musicals of Rodgers & Hammerstein, Wed. Sept. 30 at 7 pm

One Pot BBQ Chicken Mac & Cheese Cooking Demo with Heidi McIndoo, Mon. Oct. 5 at 7 pm

The History of Mourning, Thu. Oct. 22 at 7 pm

Even More Haunted Lighthouses of New England with Jeremy D'Entremont, Mon. Oct. 26 at 7 pm

More Holiday Romance Book Recommendations with John Charles, Mon. Nov. 30 at 7 pm

So many more partner offerings to come that weren't yet scheduled when this newsletter was printed! Stay tuned!

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Wed. Nov. 25: Close early at 5 pm

Fri. Nov. 27: TBD

Open Sat Nov 28 & Sun Nov 29

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Programs for Parents in this Newsletter



Straight Talk About the Cost of College with Hannah Pierpont, Thursday, Sept. 24 at 7 pm.

ADHD or Perimenopause: Why So Many Midlife Women Feel Overwhelmed, Anxious, and Unable to Focus, Thursday, Sept. 24 at 7 pm.

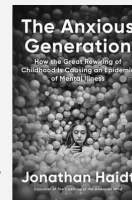
The Anxious Generation Taking Action Group: Parents and caregivers of children discuss ways of creating healthy technology boundaries for kids and teens. One Wednesday each month at 7 pm, starts Sept. 25.

Floor Babies: A Supportive Group for Parents & Caregivers of Babies 0-12 Months. First Wednesday of the month, starting Oct. 7, 12-12:45 pm.

Managing the Pace Without Losing Yourself with Kim Meninger & Seira Shalton, Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 7 pm.

ADHD, Autism, and Anxiety: How to Overcome the Wall of Awful, Thursday, Oct. 15 at 7 pm.

Navigating the College Landscape for High School Students and Parents, Saturday, Nov. 7, 3-4 pm.



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